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Report of the Committee on Memorial to the Supreme and Superior Courts *in re* Admissions to the Bar

Resolution unanimously adopted July 1, 1902, by Pennsylvania Bar Association, in session at Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Resolved, that the Committee on Memorialization of the Supreme and Superior Courts *in re* admissions to the Bar be directed, after action by the Superior Court upon the Memorial, if favorable, to confer with the Committee on Legal Education and in conjunction with the latter committee to take such steps as may be deemed advisable or necessary to secure an acceptance by the Courts in the various judicial districts of the admission standard of the Supreme Court as the sole test of the educational qualifications of candidates for admission to the local bars, proof of moral character to be, as hereto fore, in accordance with such regulations and requirements as the local Courts shall prescribe.

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Report of the Committee on Memorial to the Supreme and Superior Courts *in re* Admissions to the Bar

To the Members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that the Supreme Court has sustained the Bar Memorial and appointed a State Board of Law Examiners by *per curiam* order dated May 26, 1902. Since this action of the Supreme Court there has not been sufficient time to present a Memorial to the Superior Court praying that Court to make the standard for admission to its Bar accord with the new system of the Supreme Court. This Memorial will be presented at the earliest opportunity.

As of professional interest we annex a table, containing one year's statistics from each of the sixty-seven counties in Pennsylvania *in re* admission to the Bar and registration of students at law. For valuable assistance in gathering these statistics, indebtedness is acknowledged to a number of the judges throughout the State, a majority of the members of the Committee on Legal Education, several prothonotaries and many members of Boards of Examiners in the different counties, without whose active co-operation a successful completion of the work would have been impossible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL DICKSON,
Chairman,
JOHN W. SIMONTON, ex-officio,
STANLEY WOODWARD, ex-officio,
LYMAN D. GILBERT, ex-officio,
WILLIAM SCOTT, ex-officio,
ALEXANDER SIMPSON, Jr., ex-officio,
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Secretary.

30 June, 1902

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

*One Year's Statistics in re Registration and Admission to the Bar.**

[NOTE.—The statistics are for the year 1901, except for a few counties, the returns from which have been based upon a period of twelve months commencing prior to January 1, 1901.]

Counties and Population	Total Applications	Registration Candidates				Student Candidates for Admission				Attorneys from Other Jurisdictions				Ratios	
Counties, with the Population of each	Total number of Candidates Applying for Registration and Admission	Number of Candidates for Registration	Number *Registered*	Number *not* Registered	Per cent. *Registered*	Number Student Candidates for Admission	Number *Admitted*	Number *not* Admitted	Per cent. *Admitted*	Number Attorneys Applying from Other Jurisdictions	Number *Admitted* on Grounds of *Comity*	Number *Admitted* on Results of *Examination*	Number *not* Admitted	Ratio of Admissions (exclusive of *Comity* Admissions) to Each 20,000 of Population	Ratio of Registrations to Each 20,000 of Population
State summary** ... 6,302,115.	1330	706	539	167	76%	437	361	76	83%	187	122	28	37	1.23	1.72
Philadelphia †† ..... 1,293,697.	398	232	169	63	72%	149	131	18	88%	17	8	4	5	2.09	2.61
Allegheny†° ..... 775,058.	181	112	86	26	77%	51	42	9	82%	18	7	5	6	1.26	2.22
Luzerne‡ ..... 257,121.	70	26	26	0	100%	41	25	16	61%	3	0	2	1	2.06	2.02
Cumberland§ ..... 50,344.	54	34	34	0	100%	20	20	0	100%	0	0	0	0	7.95	13.51
Lycoming°‖ ..... 75,663.	50	21	15	6	71%	16	12	4	75%	13	10	3	0	3 97	3.97
Lackawanna¶° 193,831	35	14	14	0	100%	8	0	8	0%	13	4	5	4	.52	1 45
Venango°‖ 49.648	32	14	12	2	86%	8	6	2	75%	10	10	0	0	2.42	4.83
Schuylkill ..... 172,927.	30	22	10	12	45%	7	7	0	100%	1	0	0	1	.81	1.16
Lancaster°‖ ..... 159,241.	21	12	9	3	75%	8	7	1	87%	1	0	1	0	1.01	1.13

*The table shows that throughout the State, during the year, 1330 applications in all were acted upon, 706 for registration and 624 for admission. Of the latter, 187 were attorneys from other jurisdictions; 122 of these were admitted on grounds of comity, 28 on results of examinations, and 37 rejected; 539 students were registered, and 361 student candidates admitted to the Bar. Exclusive of *comity* admissions, there were 1208 applications acted upon, 832, or 69%, were from nine counties having 20 or more gross applications each during the year; of the remaining 376 applications, 264 were from 23 counties, with from 10 to 20 applications each, and the balance of 112 were from 35 counties, each with less than 10 applications.

** Exclusive of Philadelphia county, the ratios for the State per each 20,000 inhabitants are 1.01 for admission and 1.48 for registration.

†† In Philadelphia county, 78, or 59%, of the 131 student admissions were by the court on law school diplomas. Of the 169 registered, 79, or 47%, were passed on academic diplomas.

† In Allegheny county, of the 80 registered, 49, or 61%, were passed on academic diplomas.

‡ In Luzerne county, 2, or 8%, of the 25 student admissions were on law school diplomas. Of the 26 registered, 22, or 85%. were passed on academic diplomas.

§ In Cumberland county, of the 20 student admissions, 18, or 90%, were on law school diplomas. Of the 34 registered, 31, or 91%, were passed on academic diplomas.

¶ In Lackawanna county, 10, or 71%, of the 14 registered were passed on academic diplomas.

° No admission on law school diplomas.

‖ No registrations on academic diplomas.

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Butler 56,962.	19	7	6	1	86%	6	6	0	100%	6	5	0	1	.47	1.40
York 116,413.	17	10	9	1	90%	7	5	2	71%	0	0	0	0	.86	1.55
Susquehanna 40,043.	17	11	10	1	90%	4	4	0	100%	2	2	0	0	2 00	4.99
Westmoreland 160,175.	16	8	2	6	25%	6	5	1	83%	2	2	0	0	.62	.24
McKean 51,343.	16	8	8	0	100%	3	3	0	100%	5	5	0	0	1.17	3.12
Northumberland 90,911.	15	7	7	0	100%	8	8	0	100%	0	0	0	0	1.76	1.54
Berks 159,615.	15	4	3	1	75%	9	9	0	100%	2	0	2	0	1.38	3.76
Delaware 94,762.	15	9	5	4	55%	2	2	0	100%	4	4	0	0	.42	1.06
Dauphin 114,443.	14	5	3	2	60%	1	1	0	100%	8	5	0	3	.17	.53
Washington 92,181.	14	5	4	1	80	5	5	0	100%	4	1	—	3	1.08	.87
Blair 85,099.	13	5	1	4	20%	6	2	4	33%	2	0	0	2	.26	.47
Mercer 57,387.	13	3	3	0	100%	2	2	0	100%	8	3	5	—	2.44	1.04
Northampton 99,687.	12	8	6	2	75%	1	0	1	0%	3	3	0	0	—	.70
Somerset 49,461	12	12	8	4	67%	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	—	3 23
Wayne 30,171.	12	5	3	2	60%	2	1	1	50%	5	3	0	2	.66	1.99
Montgomery 138,995.	12	8	6	2	75%	4	4	0	100%	0	0	0	0	.58	.86
Bradford 59,403.	12	8	7	1	88%	2	2	0	100%	2	2	0	0	1.01	2.36
Lawrence 57,042.	12	5	3	2	60%	3	1	2	33%	4	1	0	3	.35	1.05
Lehigh 93,893.	11	4	4	0	100%	3	3	0	100%	4	3	0	1	.64	.85
Greene 28 281.	10	5	4	1	80%	3	3	0	100%	2	1	0	1	2.12	2.86
Huntingdon 34,650.	10	6	6	0	100%	4	3	1	75%	0	0	0	0	1.73	3 46
Armstrong 52,551.	10	5	4	1	80%	2	2	0	100%	3	3	0	0	.76	1.52
Cambria 104,837.	10	6	2	4	33%	3	3	0	100%	1	0	0	1	.57	.38
Erie 98,473.	9	6	6	0	100%	2	2	0	100%	1	1	—	—	.41	1.22
Forest 11,039.	9	1	1	0	100%	0	0	0	—	8	8	0	0	—	1.81
Franklin 54,902	9	6	3	3	50%	2	1	1	50%	1	0	0	1	.36	1.09
Lebanon 53,827.	9	4	4	0	100%	3	2	1	67%	2	1	0	1	.74	1.49
Jefferson 59,113.	9	3	2	1	67%	5	5	0	100%	1	1	0	0	1.62	.61
Snyder 17,304.	8	1	0	1	0%	2	2	0	100%	5	5	0	0	2.24	.00

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Monroe ..... 21,161.	7	4	2	2	50%	2	2	0	100%	1	1	0	0	1 89	1.89
Potter,..... 30,621.	7	2	2	0	100%	3	1	2	33⅓	2	2	0	0	.65	1.31
Carbon ..... 44,510.	7	4	2	2	50%	2	1	1	50%	1	0	1	0	.90	.90
Chester..... 95,695.	6	5	2	3	40%	1	1	0	100%	0	0	0	0	.21	.42
Cameron..... ..... 7,048.	6	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—	6	6	0	0	—	—
Columbia..... 39,896.	6	5	4	1	80%	0	0	0	—	1	1	0	0	—	2.01
Crawford ..... 63,643.	6	4	4	—	100%	2	2	—	100%	0	—	—	—	.63	1.26
Beaver ..... 56,432.	5	2	0	2	0%	3	3	0	100%	0	0	0	0	1.06	.00
Warren..... 38,946.	5	3	3	0	100%	2	2	—	100%	0	—	—	—	1.03	1.54
Centre ..... 42,894.	5	3	3	0	100%	1	1	0	100%	1	1	0	0	.47	1.40
Tioga..... 49,086.	4	2	2	—	100%	2	2	—	100%	0	—	—	—	.96	.96
Clarion ..... 34,283.	4	0	0	0	—	2	2	0	100%	2	2	0	0	1.17	—
Elk ..... 32,903.	4	2	2	0	100%	2	1	1	50%	0	0	0	0	.61	1.21
Wyoming ..... 17,152.	4	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—	4	3	0	1	—	—
Union ..... 17,592.	3	0	0	0	—	2	2	0	100%	1	1	0	0	2.27	—
Bedford ..... 39,468.	3	1	1	0	100%	1	1	0	100%	1	1	0	0	.51	.51
Clearfield .... 80,614.	3	1	1	0	100%	1	1	0	100%	1	1	0	0	.25	.25
Bucks..... 71,190.	2	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—	2	2	0	0	—	—
Fayette..... ..... 110,412.	2	1	1	0	100%	1	1	0	100%	0	0	0	0	.18	.18
Indiana..... 42,556.	2	2	2	0	100%	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	—	.94
Perry ..... 26,263.	2	1	1	0	100%	1	1	0	100%	0	0	0	0	.76	.76
Sullivan ..... 12,134.	2	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—	2	2	0	0	—	—
Adams..... 34,496.	2	1	1	0	100%	0	0	0	—	1	1	0	0	—	.58
Clinton..... 29,197.	1	1	1	0	100%	0	0	0	—	0	—	—	—	—	.68
Montour ..... 15,526.	1	0	0	—	—	1	1	—	100%	0	0	0	—	1.29	—
Mifflin ..... 23,160.	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	—	—
Juniata..... 16,045.	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	—	—
Pike .... 8,766.	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	—	—
Fulton..... ..... 9,924.	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	—	—

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